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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

**Plaintiff,**

vs.

BRENDA CONTRERAS,

Defendant.

Case No.: 2:20-mj-01105-DJA

**ORDER TO CONTINUE THE  
PRELIMINARY HEARING  
(Second Request)**

15 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between CHRISTOPHER  
16 CHIOU, Acting United States Attorney, and ALLISON REESE, Assistant United States  
17 Attorney, counsel for the United States of America, and MAYSOUN FLETCHER, counsel for  
18 Defendant BRENDA CONTRERAS, that the preliminary hearing date in the above-captioned  
19 matter, currently scheduled for March 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued for forty-  
20 five (45) days, to a date and time to be set by this Honorable Court.

This stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

22       1. Defense Counsel needs additional time to review the discovery, conduct additional  
23 investigation, and confer with the Defendant about how she would like to proceed.  
24       2. The parties agree to the continuance.

3. Defendant BRENDA CONTRERAS is out of custody and does not object to the continuance.

4. Additionally, denial of this request for continuance could result in a miscarriage of justice.

5. The additional time requested herein is not sought for purposes of delay, but to allow for a potential pre-indictment resolution of the case.

6. The additional time requested by this stipulation, is allowed, with the defendant's consent under the Federal Rules of Procedure 5.1(d).

7. This is the second request for a continuation of the preliminary hearing.

DATED: March 11, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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Plaintiff,

## ORDER

VS.

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## ORDER

Based on the pending Stipulation of counsel, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court finds that:

1. Defense Counsel needs additional time to review the discovery, conduct additional investigation, and confer with the Defendant about how she would like to proceed.

2. Defendant BRENDA CONTRERAS is out of custody and does not object to the continuance.

3. Additionally, denial of this request for continuance could result in a miscarriage of justice.

4. The additional time requested herein is not sought for purposes of delay, but to allow for a potential pre-indictment resolution of the case.

5. The additional time requested by this stipulation, is allowed, with the defendant's consent under the Federal Rules of Procedure 5.1(d).

6. This is the second request for a continuation of the preliminary hearing.

For all of the above-stated reasons, the ends of justice would best be served by a continuance of the preliminary hearing date.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The ends of justice served by granting said continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant, since the failure to grant said continuance would be likely to result in a miscarriage of justice, would deny the parties herein to potentially resolve the case prior to indictment, and further would deny the parties sufficient time and the opportunity within which to be able to effectively and thoroughly prepare for the preliminary hearing, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

The continuance sought herein is allowed, with the defendant's consent, pursuant to Federal Rules of Procedure 5.1(d).

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the preliminary hearing currently scheduled for March 15, 2021, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., be vacated and continued to May 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Courtroom 3A.

12th  
DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2021.

*[Signature]*

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DANIEL J. ALBREGTS, U.S. Magistrate Judge